Remarks

Claims 1-26 and 31-36 have been cancelled.

Claims 7-9, 22-26, and 34 were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent from a rejected claim. These claims have been rewritten as new claims 37-45 so as to put these objected to claims into a condition for allowance.

Claims 7-9 have been rewritten as new claims 37-39 so that claims 37 and 39 are in independent form. Original claims 7-9 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim.

Claims 22-26 have been rewritten as new claims 40-44 so that claim 40 is in independent form. Original claims 22-26 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim.

Claim 34 has been rewritten as new claim 45 so that that claim 45 is in independent form. Original claim 34 was objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim.

The application is now in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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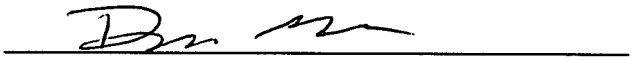
Date: 11/7/07 By: 

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